

Washington Drug Recognition Expert School

Applicant Summary

Name _____ Rank _____

Agency _____ Commission Date _____

Address _____

Current Assignment _____ Work Telephone (____) _____

E-Mail Address _____ Fax Number (____) _____

SSN _____

Please note: Your last five DUI arrest reports and narratives must be submitted with this application for review.

Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training is very demanding. Although the focus of the DRE curricula is on the identification of the drug-impaired driver, DRE skills are applied to many different law enforcement activities. DREs are frequently called upon to differentiate between drug influence and medical and/or mental disorders. The certified DRE is an extremely valuable tool for combating the adverse impact of drugs on the communities we serve. Due to the nature of this training and the significant time and monetary commitment involved, applicants are limited to non-probationary employees.

When your application is received at the DRE Program, you will be scheduled to perform the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests before a panel of DRE/SFST Instructors in your local area. The performance of the tests will be part of the preliminary review process to determine your acceptance into the upcoming DRE School.

To receive certification as a DRE, two phases of training must be completed. The following summarizes each phase:

ACADEMIC TRAINING: This phase is typically conducted over 10 days (80 hours). It includes courses in physiology, vital signs, and standardized field sobriety testing (SFST), as well as extensive material on the seven categories of drugs, including drugs of abuse. The training includes three written examinations, an SFST proficiency examination, and five written quizzes. Students must maintain an 80% average on all quizzes, achieve a minimum of 80% on the three examinations, and demonstrate proficiency in administering the SFST in order to progress to the certification phase. The academic training is conducted utilizing creative, participant-centered teaching techniques.

CERTIFICATION PHASE: After successfully completing the academic portion, students return to their departments. It is the student's responsibility to complete the certification requirements within six months following the DRE School. These requirements include: conducting a minimum of 12 drug influence evaluations while under the supervision of a DRE instructor; identifying subjects under the influence of four in the seven drug categories; and attaining an 80% toxicological confirmation rate.

In an effort to facilitate success, certification dates and locations will be scheduled for each student. Certification dates are typically scheduled as 10 hour shifts (Thursday through Saturday) starting one to two weeks after the academic phase of training. Students who are unable to attend their scheduled certification dates will be required to schedule and complete the training at their agency's expense.

In addition, students must meet the administrative requirements by submitting a resume, and maintaining a progress log and a rolling log. Finally, the student must pass a comprehensive final knowledge examination, and obtain the written endorsement of two certified DRE instructors.

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) is the regulating and certifying organization for the DRE program. DRE certification is valid for a two-year period. To maintain continuous certification in Washington, DREs must demonstrate proficiency and maintain a satisfactory performance during their certification period. The criterion used to evaluate each DRE includes a review of a minimum of four evaluations, completion of an evaluation observed by an instructor and completion of eight hours of continued education that has been approved by the state coordinator within the two-year certification period. In addition, each DRE is required to submit an updated rolling log and resume annually.

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The selection criteria includes individual accomplishments, training, experience, administrative and geographic needs. There will be heavy emphasis on agency support and command recommendations.

To assist in the selection of quality personnel for the Washington DRE training, please complete the following information (additional pages may be attached):

Date(s) of SFST training _____ ☐ 16 hours ☐ 24 hours (Required Prerequisite)

The number of arrests you have made for driving under the influence (DUI) _____

The number of possession of controlled substance (PCS) arrests _____

Provide your prior assignments that would be of interest to the review committee in considering your acceptance into the Drug Recognition Expert Program:

Provide your formal education, work or practical experience, and training that would be of interest to the review committee in considering your acceptance into the Drug Recognition Expert Program (EMT training, Military, etc.):

How do you expect your DRE training to benefit you, your agency and your neighboring agencies?

If there is anything else you think the DRE Section should know about your interest in the DRE program, please explain below:

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List two Certified DREs who recommend you for this school: (*Optional*)

DRE Instructor Recommendation (*optional*)

I recommend _____ for Drug Recognition Expert training:
Written recommendation (additional pages may be attached)

DRE Instructor's Signature (optional)

County/City Prosecutor's Recommendation (*Required*)

I recommend _____ for Drug Recognition Expert training:
Written recommendation (additional pages may be attached)

County/City Prosecutor's signature (required)

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Phone Number

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Command Information and Recommendations

The cost of this training is approximately \$3,000 per student (includes lodging, meals, equipment and manuals), which is currently being covered by the Washington Traffic Safety Commission through a federal grant to the Washington State Patrol. If any officer drops out of the program or fails to complete the training, the grounds are subject to review, and reimbursement of actual expenses may be expected.

I have read the requirements of the training program and this position, and recommend this officer/deputy/trooper for Drug Recognition Expert training. Due to the cost and the intensive training required, Officer/Deputy/Trooper _____ will be allowed to participate in authorized DRE Program activities for a minimum of two years, including callout when no other DRE is available and to work emphasis patrols at public events, with the exception of promotions and documented agency need.

(Allied Agency Command Staff: Callout rotation and public event emphasis patrols involves overtime which will be reimbursed by the Washington Traffic Safety Commission through a Memo of Understanding. The Memo of Understanding is required to be signed when the student becomes certified as a Drug Recognition Expert).

Current Supervisor's Written Recommendation (additional pages may be attached)

County/City Prosecutor's signature (required)

Date

District Commander's/Sheriff's/Chief's Written Recommendation (additional pages may be attached)

(District Commander's/Sheriff's/Chief's signature) (required)

Date

Return the completed application form with the five DUI arrest reports and narratives to:

Drug Evaluation and Classification Program
Washington State Patrol
8623 Armstrong Road SW
Olympia WA 98504-42626

(If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Elaine Hagseth at (360) 596-6062. The e-mail address is elaine.hagseth@wsp.wa.gov.)